

## REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, and 12-21 are currently active in this case. Claims 4, 10, 12, 13, 14, 19, and 21 have been amended, and Claim 11 has been cancelled by way of the present amendment. Each amended claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 4 and 19-21 were objected to; Claims 1-4, 7-9, and 14-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over *Vong et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,209,011, hereinafter *Vong*); Claims 10-13 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over *Sano et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,131,046, hereinafter *Sano*); and Claims 5 and 6 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Vong* in view of *Sano*.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claim 1 as being anticipated by *Vong*. Claim 1 recites:

**1. An electronic device, comprising:  
a display screen;  
at least one component configured to initiate user  
notifications based on events;  
a processor unit configured to,  
retrieve and display user modifiable preferences  
that indicate whether the notifications of said component  
are enabled or disabled,  
save preferences input by a user, and  
configure the electronic device to implement the  
saved preferences.**

However, *Vong* fails to teach or suggest similar subject matter.

Applicants respectfully note that *Vong* discusses various program functions including email, calendar, etc that set and utilize various user notifications (e.g., col. 5, lines 7-12). However, *Vong* fails to disclose retrieval and display of user modifiable preferences that indicate whether notifications of a component are enabled or disabled.

Applicants respectfully traverse any assertion that would equate *Vong's* setting of notifications (col. 6, lines 6-7, lines 17-18, etc, 100, Fig. 5) with Applicants claimed retrieval and display of user modifiable preferences. Applicants admit that *Vong* discusses setting of new or modification of existing notifications (e.g., col. 5, lines 36-50). However, the setting or modification of a notification is not the same as setting a user preference.

Applicants respectfully note that user preferences are commonly known to apply to all notifications of a particular category or component. For example, in Applicants claimed invention, the user preferences are applied to a component. In contrast, *Vong's* setting of a notification is similar to setting an alarm for a specific event or scheduled calendar item. And *Vong* does not disclose such notifications being enabled or disabled via user modifiable preferences of the component.

More specifically, at Col. 5, lines 36-50, *Vong* only describes setting a notification, but does not disclose a user preference for indicating whether or not a component's notifications are enabled or disabled. And, *Vong's* dialog box 100 (e.g., Fig. 5, possibly Fig. 6) also indicates a display for indicating setting of a notification, but does not disclose or imply a user preference for a component.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 cannot be anticipated by *Vong* because *Vong* fails to teach or suggest limitations specifically claimed in

Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is patentable over *Vong*.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claim 10. As amended, Claim 10 recites:

***10. An electronic device, comprising:  
an RF check mechanism configured to,  
test at least one of internal and attached devices  
to determine if any of the tested devices are RF enabled,  
and  
produce a signal indicating an RF status of the  
tested devices; and  
a display mechanism coupled to said RF check  
mechanism and configured to display the indication of RF  
status;  
wherein:  
said display mechanism is a screen; and  
the indication of RF status is an airplane graphic  
indicating the RF status.***

However, the cited references fail to teach or suggest similar subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teach or suggest the use of an airplane graphic to indicate RF status as recited in Claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 10 is patentable over the cited references.

Applicants also respectfully traverse the rejection of Claim 14 as being anticipated by *Vong*. As amended, Claim 14 recites:

***14. A method of setting notifications on an  
electronic device, comprising the steps of:***

***displaying user selectable notification options on a display screen of the electronic device;  
receiving a user selected preference option; and  
configuring notifications of the electronic device according to the user selected preference option.***

However, *Vong* fails to teach or suggest similar subject matter.

As noted above, *Vong* discusses various program functions including email, calendar, etc that set and utilize various user notifications, but fails to disclose retrieval and display of user modifiable preferences that indicate whether the notification of a component are enabled or disabled.

Applicants respectfully traverse any assertion that would equate *Vong's* setting of notifications (col. 6, lines 6-7, lines 17-18, etc, 100, Fig. 5) with Applicants claimed configuring of notifications of the electronic device according to the user selected preference option. Applicants admit that *Vong* discusses setting of new or modification of existing notifications (e.g., col. 5, lines 36-50). However, the setting or modification of a notification is not the same as receiving a user selected preference and configuring notifications according to the user selected preference option.

Again, as noted above, user preferences are commonly known to apply to all notifications of a particular category or component. For example, in Claim 14, the user preferences are applied to the "notifications of the electronic device." Further, Applicants respectfully note that the notifications are configured according to the preference and not the user selectable option. However, *Vong's* setting of notification is done according to a user selectable option for the notification, and not according to a user selected preference.

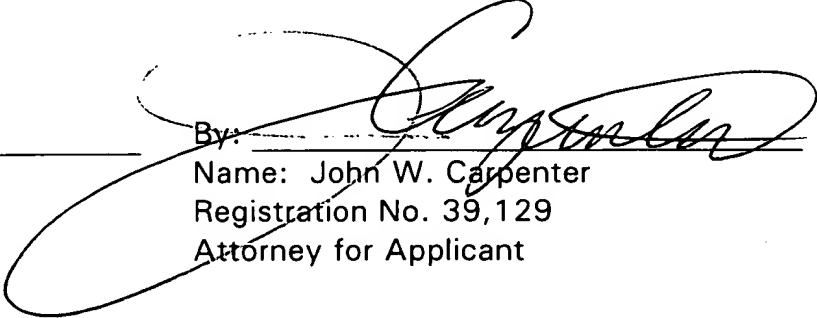
Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 14 cannot be anticipated by *Vong* because *Vong* fails to teach or suggest limitations specifically claimed in Claim 14. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 14 is patentable over *Vong*.

Based on the patentability of Claims 1, 10, and 14, Applicants further respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-9, 12, 13, and 15-21 are also patentable.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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